

and 116 even more positive with respect to the reference (e.g., ground) potential. As a further alternative, the source 120 may be arranged to maintain the cathode 112 and the anodes 114 and 116 negative with the anodes 114 and 116 being less negative than the cathode 112.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Amended) The gas discharge tube of claim [8] 10 wherein the reference potential is substantially ground.

12. (Amended) The gas discharge tube of claim [8] 10 wherein the biasing electrode is biased negatively with respect to the reference potential.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings. The Examiner's objection is not clear. There are no blocks to be labeled. Therefore, there are no blocks that are unlabeled. However, in an effort to comply with the Examiner's objection, formal drawings are being submitted herewith.